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Surface Transportation Board

**Case Control Unit** 

1925 K Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Attention: Rini Ghosh

Re: Finance Docket No.34284

Dear Ms Ghosh:

In response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, I am submitting the following to be considered in the formal scooping process. I believe Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed SGR rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The study should include direct impacts and alternatives to both projects, including no quarry and no rail line at all.

I'm Robert Clark and I live about one half mile from the proposed quarry. I'm very concerned about the quarry going 200-250 feet deep right over the Edwards Aquifer. The whole area depends on the Edwards. Also I'm very concerned about the blasting with all the area water wells. Sincerely, Roll Elab

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